(FAR) norms. These would, in general, influence the height of buildings.

(c) The developments are being watched.

Land scandal in Punjab

3375. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th February, 1988 to the effect that a big land scandal of illegal allotment of commercial and residential plots by the poiticians Chairmen of the Improvement trusts in some of the major cities in Punjab has been unearthed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demarcation of the rear boundary of DDA flats in Friends Colony

3376. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DDA flats residents Welfare Association, Friends Colony has recently requested Government to direct the Delhi Development Authority to demarcate the rear boundary of the colony as per the approved site and lay-out plan, for the security of residents; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter for which the DDA has already recovered development charges for the service lane and boundary wall from the residents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Shri E. C. Thomas, President, Friends Colony DDA Flats Welfare Association has made a representation on 26-1-1987.

(b) On receipt of the representation the site was inspected by the Vice-Chairman, DDA alongwith Commissioner (L),, Chief Architect and Chief Engineer (SEZ). The President of the Welfare Association Shri E. C. Thomas, was also present during inspection and it has been decided that the owner of plot No. A-2, Friends Colony may be allowed to construct steps after excluding space of 5 metres behind the flats as provided in the lay-out. It has also been decided that the service road will be common for both the residents of flats as well as plot holders.

Ensuring the benefits of housing loans to the Employees

3377. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the real beneficiaries of the liberal housing loans granted to employees of nationalised banks, insurance companies and even Central Government employees are the promoters, builders' and middlemen and not the employees for whom such scheme was initiated; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the benefits go to the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Housing loans in nationalised banks is given for the clerical and the officer employees of the banks. The LIC provides financial assistance for housing its employees by way of (i) grant of loans to Cooperative Housing societies formed by the employees of the Corpn. for purchase or construction of houses and (ii) individual employees for purchase|construction of houses or purchase of flats. In so far as the Central